REMARKS

The 8 April 2003 official action addressed claims 1-16. Claims 15 and 16 are canceled. Claims 1-5 and 7-13 are amended. Claims 1-14 are pending.

1. Overview of amendments

Claim amendments

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 10, which was indicated to be allowable.

Claim 11, which was indicated to be allowable, is amended to incorporate the features of its antecedent claims 1 and 4.

Claim 12, which was indicated to be allowable, is amended to incorporate the features of its antecedent claims 1 and 4.

Claim 13, which was indicated to be allowable, is amended to incorporate the features of its antecedent claims 1 and 5.

All claims are amended to generally clarify their language.

No new matter is added.

2. Response to objections and rejections

Rejections under Section 112

Claims 15 and 16 have been canceled.

Prior art rejections

All claims indicated to be allowable have been rewritten in independent form, and all remaining claims depend from one of the claims indicated to be allowable.



The foregoing amendments and remarks address all bases for objection and rejection and are believed to place the case in condition for allowance. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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